

## **DRAFT COUNCILS OCTOBER 12 2006**

**MISSION:** The Kansas Health Policy Authority shall develop and maintain a coordinated health policy agenda that combines the effective purchasing and administration of health care with health promotion oriented public health strategies. The powers, duties, and functions of the Authority are intended to be exercised to improve the health of the people of Kansas by increasing the quality, efficiency, and effectiveness of health services and public health programs.

**The KHPA may appoint advisory committees as deemed necessary by the authority. The advisory committees shall consult with and advise the authority on issues that fall within their statutory purview. Senate confirmation is not necessary. Members on advisory committees may be reimbursed for travel expenses but receive no compensation.**

This proposal would create three Advisory Councils whose purpose will be to help develop a statewide health policy agenda: a Provider Reform Council; a Purchaser Reform Council; and a Consumer Reform Council. The agenda for each of the Councils should reflect their specific perspective as it pertains to the effective purchasing and administration of health care that it is integrated with health promotion oriented public health strategies.

**Council Membership:** Members on each of the councils may be selected for membership through the following options:

- Nomination by Board members
- Volunteer participation
- Selection (voting) by Board
- Appointment by Board
- Other

### **CONSUMER REFORM COUNCIL:**

The Consumer Reform Council will be an advisory body for the KHPA Board that will provide guidance on issues KHPA relevant to consumers, particularly regarding health care access, quality, affordability as well as wellness and health promotion. The KHPA may assign tasks for the Consumer Reform Council, such as providing recommendations on health policies that the Board is reviewing to reflect consumer concerns and questions. In addition, the council shall assist in educating consumers to assume meaningful roles in the planning, implementation, and review of Authority policies and programs.

### **PROVIDER REFORM COUNCIL:**

The Provider Council will be an advisory body for the KHPA board that with provide guidance on issues germane to health care providers as they pertain to health care access,

quality, affordability as well health and wellness. The council members shall possess certain skills and qualities, and may be required to represent certain professions, including physicians, nurses, and hospital administration. Responsibilities of the council include providing significant input on facility and patient issues, increasing Authority project awareness to the medical community, and encouraging provider participation in Authority Programs. The Council will review and approve all contracts with their peers, make recommendations on “Best Practice” guidelines to physicians and hospitals, and flag any areas of concern or opportunity in the health data gathered from the community.

#### **PURCHASER REFORM COUNCIL:**

The Purchaser Reform Council will be an advisory body for the KHPA board that will provide guidance on issues germane to the purchase of health care services as well health and wellness. The council members shall possess certain skills and qualities, and may be required to represent certain professions, including small and large businesses in Kansas. Responsibilities of the council include providing significant input on challenges to the purchase of health care services in Kansas, as well as ways to integrate health and wellness services.